

I think it is absolutely ridiculous the "FEDERAL" (as in part of the government which last time I checked was supposed to be FOR the citizens) Communications Commission is even considering an action such as this to force copy protection mechanisms to be built into the receivers for HDTV. When will this agency and the government at large realize that it's not right to use the government to further big business's interests and trample on American's rights. DRM, copy protection whatever buzz word your calling this is absolute garbage and accomplishes nothing for the consumer. If these broadcasters want to take our rights to record programming WE PAID FOR away from us let them do it on their own and let us the citizens decide if we WANT to do business with them. I personally will not do business with companies that use these archaic rights infringing and utterly useless protections. In fact all this copy prevention is going to do is cause ordinary citizens to be considered criminals for trying to find ways to record broadcasts etc. and build a large black or gray market for illegal devices to remove the copy protection. As we've seen before with Directv Dish Network and essentially all other forms of encrypted/copyrighted television content it causes hackers to come up with ways to not pay and consumers buying illegal merchandise and becoming criminals. Granted this is slightly differently because they are trying to get a service your supposed to pay for for free. However consider this I pay for my cable television subscription my television my various home theater devices etc. I am paying to see that broadcast and if I choose to I should be able to make a copy of the broadcast. Again if some broadcaster don't like that let them copy protect their own broadcasts I simply won't pay for their service. Also something else I'd like you to consider is this with the amount of internet piracy in "tv rips" essentially shows being put on the internet BEFORE THEY EVEN AIR in any market why penalize the honest legitimate citizens by stopping them from making legal copies of material which they have paid to see when if they wanted or were willing to do something illegal they could simply go online and download the copies just like the "pirates" that put the content online, or maybe the FCC and our big brother government which is more and more "run by business for business" would prefer to make us all criminals so they can begin pushing more draconian "Patriot Laws" and rape the Constitution more than they already have.